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Harvest Hands

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They wanted harvest hands in Indiana, Iowa, Kansas—all over the west. They wanted them so bad that very high wages were offered and agents sent east to talk and advertise. It was free fare out, with keep on the road, and then \$3 per day and the most liberal board for weeks and weeks. It was the greatest chance for the students working their way through college, and scores of them took advantage of it.

Dwight Carleton, of Columbia, looked upon it as a special interposition of Providence. In six weeks he could earn sufficient to take him through the winter term. He had no wealthy father to back him.

Fourteen hours per day in the harvest field, and the farmer carrying a grouse because he could not make it fifteen! A bed on the hay in the barn, and every man still hungry as he arose from the "liberal table!" The husky workers groaned and perspired and stood it. Those who had never roughed it kept on as long as they could, and dropped out and were paid off and told to go. And when Dwight Carleton was handed his wages, after ten days of back-breaking work, he found them insufficient even to pay his railroad fare back as far as Chicago. And then some one stole his spare clothing, and when he "hit the pike" he had nothing to carry in his hands.

There came a day to Dwight Carleton when he had to sit down by the roadside and wonder if he could ever make another mile. Exhausted with hunger and tramping and exposure, and a fever burning him, he sat with his head in his hands and his courage all gone. And then the children from the country school, a quarter of a mile away, came along on their way home and stopped to look at him and make comments. And a little later came the schoolmarm in her pink sunbonnet and clean calico dress.

"You are ill," she said as she glanced at the young man.

He nodded his head.
"Well, come back to the first house. That's where I live. My father is a farmer, but I'm teaching this school this term. You are ill and weak. Take my arm."

"But I'm penniless," replied the exhausted hand with a rueful smile.
"Come now, and we'll walk slowly."

It was after the patient had got to the house and found a bed and the telephone had summoned a doctor, that the farmer came up from the field to say to his daughter:

"For the last two years you've been trying to turn this house into a tramp hospital, and now you've done it! That feller is playing 'possum on you. He's got to get out of this and move along!"

The father was taken into the bedroom of the half-asleep, muttering young man and shown the palms of his hands. They were blistered.

"Guess he's been at work somewhere and played out, but it ain't for us to pay his doctor bills and nurse him."

"I can pay, father, from my school money."

"Humph! And when he gets able to go, he'll steal my best horse!"

It was two weeks before the patient was able to leave his room, and two more before he was moving around outdoors. Before that he had told his story and written a letter to be mailed to New York city.

"Trying to get through college—hump!" was the farmer's reply. "Ma, our Susie's soft as butter. She believes every word that feller says, and you keep your eye out that they don't dope together. That letter to New York was only a blind. It'll never be took notice of."

But it was. There came an answer and a big money order, and young Mr. Carleton was to get some clothes and come on as soon as he could. He owed something to the farmer. At a family council the farmer reckoned that \$50 would be about right.

"He shall never pay it, father!" exclaimed the daughter as the red blazed up in her cheeks.

"Then who will?"

"I will! I told you so in the beginning. That money is only a loan from a friend."

Out in the orchard, the day before he left, the ex-harvest hand tried to pay the money to his nurse, but she held her hands behind her and said she wanted to be his creditor.

"For how long?" he asked.

"Till you—you—"

"I shall come back some day to pay my debt. When I do I shall ask for something I dare not speak of now. How long will you wait?"

"Isn't cash in thirty days the rule?" she blushing asked.

One spring day three years later the mother ran down into the field to say to the husband:

"Oh, pa, but it's all happened—it's all happened!"

"Has that dinged smokehouse tipped over?"

"No, but that young man has walked home from school with Susie—and he's through with college—and he's got a place that pays thousands a year—and he's paid back her money and wants to be married right away—and—and—"

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Bonds, Securities, etc.	1,230.00
U. S. 2% Bonds	50,000.00
Banking House, Lot, Bank and Post-office	\$458,301.36
Furniture and Fixtures	36,411.18
Premium on U. S. Bonds	1,917.97
Treasurer of U. S. (5% Redemption Fund)	2,500.00
Cash on Hand	27,660.46
Due from Banks	73,443.36
	101,103.82
	\$600,234.33

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	75,000.00
Undivided Profits (net)	4,568.96
Semi-Annual Dividend (6%) Jan. 2, 1912	3,000.00
Circulating Notes	\$132,568.96
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